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C.—THERAPEUTICS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND MIND.

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VOMITING OF PREGNANCY.—Dr. J. S. Warren, *N. Y. Med. Record*, March 26th, considers the vomiting of pregnancy due to various influences, mental ones included, and to remedy it requires a careful diagnosis of its cause, whether it be simply reflex, or due to some other organic condition. Its treatment, therefore, resolves itself into the correction of all disturbances, functional or organic, as far as possible, which are known to excite dyspeptic symptoms, before a simple irritation becomes a confirmed gastritis, and the stomach rejects the remedies that would most easily relieve the original disorder. First among these, Dr. Warren recognizes a constipated habit and the emotional element, and these, he holds, should receive prompt attention in pregnancy. The latter of these is, he says, relieved by no remedies more generally than by the bromides of potash and soda, given, as a rule, in full doses late in the day, on an empty stomach. Constipation can be overcome by any simple laxative. After these, the purely sympathetic disorder must be attended to if vomiting persists. The most patent remedy for this, in his experience, is Fowler's solution, in drop doses, on an empty stomach. When thus given with a restricted diet, it has seemed to him nearer a specific for this complaint than any other medicine. After it has been used for a while it may be found of advantage to suspend it and use nitromuriatic acid, with tinc. nucis vomicae, especially if there is any inactivity of the liver or kidneys, or if anorexia exists.

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STATIC ELECTRICITY.—The following are the conclusions of an article by Dr. W. J. Morton (*N. Y. Med. Record*, April 2d and 9th) on the therapeutic use of Franklinism, or static electricity.

*First.*—Static electricity as a curative agent in medicine may fairly be placed on a level with galvanism and Faradism. In certain diseased conditions it is superior to either.